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FOLLOWING ARE EXERPTS FROM SATURDAY NEWSPAPERS:

NEW YORK TIMES

1. SMITH PLEDGES TO WEIGH NEW PLANS FOR RHODESIA, BUT
ISSUES WARNING, JOHN F. BURNS, DATED SALISBURY. PRIME
MINISTER JAN D. SMITH PLEDGED TONIGHT TO GIVE CAREFUL
CONSIDERATION TO NEW RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS THAT
WILL BE LAID BEFORE HIM BY IVOR RICHARD OF BRITAIN,
CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, WHO ARRIVES HERE TOMOR-
ROW.

HOWEVER, MR. SMITH WARNED THAT AN ABANDONMENT OF AN EARLIER
SET OF PROPOSALS FOR TRANSFERRING POWER TO THE COUNTRY'S
BLACK MAJORITY, DRAWN UP BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A.
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KISSINGER, WOULD JEOPARDIZE HIS GOVERNMENT'S AGREEMENT TO
HAND OVER TO BLACK RULE WITHIN TWO YEARS.

IN A NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS ON RADIO AND TELEVISION, THE
RHODESIAN LEADER SAID THAT THE NEW PROPOSALS, ANNOUNCED

AFTER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN MR. RICHARD AND MR. KISSINGER
IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK, "REPRESENT A SUBSTANTIAL VARIATION
IN PRINCIPLE" FROM THE KISSINGER PLAN, WHICH WAS PRESENTED
TO MR. SMITH AT A MEETING IN PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA

THREE MONTHS AGO.

THE PRIME MINISTER SPOKE OF "SEVEN FRUITLESS WEEKS IN GENEVA," A REFERENCE TO THE TALKS WITH FOUR BLACK NATIONALIST LEADERS THAT FOLLOWED THE PRETORIA MEETING....

"IN SPITE OF THE UNREALISTIC NATURE OF SOME OF THESE REPORTED PROPOSALS, WE SHALL, OF COURSE, EXAMINE THEM VERY CAREFULLY ON THEIR MERITS," MR. SMITH SAID. "I MUST AGAIN POINT OUT THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS WERE PUT TO ME AS A PACKAGE DEAL, WHICH IT WAS MADE CLEAR HAD TO BE ACCEPTED IN ITS ENTIRTY, OR REJECTED."

REFERRING TO THE BLACK NATIONALISTS, WHO ARE DEEPLY DIVIDED HE ADDED: "IF THEY REJECT ANY OF THE BASIC PRINCIPLES, THEN THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BREAKING THE AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL MEAN CLEARLY THAT ALL THE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE TWO-YEAR TRANSITIONAL PERIOD TO MAJORITY RULE, WILL FALL AWAY."

2. A PHILOSOPHY OF THE CENTER, C. L. SULZBERGER, DATELINED PARIS. WHILE, AT PRESENT, FRENCH POLITICS ARE BEING INCREASINGLY POLARIZED BETWEEN RIGHT AND LEFT, WITH THE LEFT-WING SOCIALIST-COMMUNIST COALITION ATTAINING A LEAD IN OPINION POLLS, THERE IS NO DOUBT IN THE MIND OF PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING, SYMBOL OF CENTRALISM, THAT REGARD-
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LESS OF POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY, HE WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL 1981, THE END OF HIS DESIGNATED TERM AS CHIEF OF STATE.

MR. GISCARD D'ESTAING'S POSITION IN FRENCH POLITICAL ESTEEM HAS DECLINED DURING RECENT MONTHS AND THE LEFT ALLIANCE HAS GAINED. AT THE SAME TIME, JACQUES CHIRAC, UNTIL RECENTLY MR. GISCARD D'ESTAING'S ALLY AND PRIME MINISTER AND CHIEF OF THE GAULLIST FACTION, HAS FORMED A NEW GROUP KNOWN AS THE RALLY FOR THE REPUBLIC WHICH HAS SHOWN A RESURGENCE OF RELATIVELY RIGHT-WING OPINION.

THUS, EITHER THE LEFT OR THE RIGHT SEEMS LIKELY TO DOMINATE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOLLOWING SCHEDULED LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS IN 1976. THIS PROBABILITY HAS LED TO SPECULATION

AS TO WHETHER MR. GISCARD D'ESTAING WOULD BE READY TO REMAIN AS CHIEF OF STATE WITH A PARLIAMENT DOMINATED BY AN ANTIPATHETIC MAJORITY.

THE ANSWER IS YES--DEFINITELY. THE PRESIDENT CONSIDERS HIS CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE IS TO COMPLETE HIS DESIGNATED SEVEN-YEAR TERM. HE CAME TO OFFICE IN 1974. THE FIFTH REPUBLIC, CREATED BY DE GAULLE IN 1958, HAS UNTIL NOW

NEVER SEEN A CHIEF OF STATE WHO WAS NOT SUPPORTED BY A PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY.

MR. GISCARD D'ESTAING IS A SUBTLE, INTELLECTUAL MAN, WHO BELIEVES STYLE IS THE ESTHETIC OF ACTION. HE RECKONS THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN TOO WIDE A PSYCHOLOGICAL GULF BETWEEN THE CENTRAL POWER AND THE MASSES. HE HAS SOUGHT TO BRIDGE THIS GAP BY VARIOUS MEANS BUT ACKNOWLEDGES HE HAS NOT WHOLLY SUCCEEDED.

FRANCE, AFTER ALL, HAS A LONG TRADITION OF PRESTIGIOUS CENTRAL AUTHORITY THAT IS DIFFICULT TO CHIP AWAY. MR. UNCLASSIFIED

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GISCARD D'ESTAING HAS BEEN TRYING BY HIS OWN 'STYLE' OF PRESIDENTIAL LIFE--AND WITHOUT MARKED SUCCESS--TO ERASE SUCH IDEAS BY MIXING ON A DIFFERENT BASIS WITH ORDINARY PEOPLE.

HIS APPROACH IS BASICALLY INTELLECTUAL AND A SEARCH FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL BALANCE RATHER THAN PERSONAL POPULARITY. MR. GISCARD D'ESTAING DOES NOT REGARD POPULARITY AS AN ESSENTIAL POLITICAL TRUMP. FOR HIM, EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON THE PERIOD DURING WHICH A GOVERNMENT AND ITS LEADER FUNCTION. AT PRESENT, IN FRANCE, THERE IS A PHASE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WHICH REQUIRE MEASURES THAT BY NECESSITY ARE UNPOPULAR.

YET, HE RECKONS, THE INDIVIDUALISTIC FRENCH PEOPLE PREFER SUCCESS TO POPULARITY AND THE TEST OF HIS APPROACH WILL COME IN 1978, DURING THE SCHEDULED LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS, WHEN THE PEOPLE CAN JUDGE WHETHER THE COURSE OF HIS LEADERSHIP HAS ACHIEVED ITS ANNOUNCED PURPOSES.

IDEOLOGICALLY HE REGARDS HIMSELF AS A KIND OF MIXED-UP CENTRIST: CENTER-RIGHT IN TERMS OF NATIONAL CUSTOMS AND FAMILY LIFE; CENTER-LEFT IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS. HE ACKNOWLEDGES IT MAY TAKE A CONSIDERABLE TIME FOR THE FRENCH PEOPLE, NOT ALWAYS ACCUSTOMED TO SELF-DISCIPLINE, TO HABITUATE THEMSELVES TO VOLUNTARY RESTRICTIONS AND REFORMS.

FRANCE IS CURRENTLY BEING SUBJECTED TO EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG PULLS AS BETWEEN RIGHT AND LEFT, BUT THE PRESIDENT APPARENTLY HOPES THIS TENDENCY WILL DISAPPEAR DURING 1977 AND CENTRIST LEADERSHIP WILL BE REAFFIRMED. HIS ASSUMPTION IS THAT ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WILL IMPROVE WITH THE FIRST (RESULTS VISIBLE?) IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS.....

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3. CIVIL WAR DEATHS ARE REPORTED IN CHINESE PROVINCE, JAY MATHEWS, DATELINED HONG KONG. MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN AN "ALL-AROUND CIVIL WAR" IN CHINA'S MOST POPULOUS AND PERHAPS MOST FACTION-RIDDEN PROVINCE, AN OFFICIAL CHINESE RADIO BROADCAST HAS DISCLOSED.

THE BROADCAST FROM THE HUGE SOUTH-WEST PROVINCE OF SZECHWAN MONITORED HERE WEDNESDAY, INDICATED THAT THE FIGHTING ENDED WITH THE OCTOBER PURGE OF FOUR LEADING PEKING RADICALS; BUT IT CALLED ON SZECHWANESE TO "ELIMINATE THE REMNANT POISON" OF THOSE WHO CAUSED THE TROUBLE.

IT WAS THE FIRST CLEAR SIGN OF THE SEVERITY OF RECENT POLITICAL STRIFE IN SZECHWAN AND SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT THE PROVINCE NEVER REALLY SETTLED DOWN AFTER IT WELL-PUBLICIZED BLOODY CONFRONTATIONS DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION 10 YEARS AGO.

"BECAUSE OF SABOTAGE BY THE GANG OF FOUR," SAID THE BROADCAST, REFERRING TO DISGRACED RADICAL LEADERS WANG HUNG-WEN, CHANG CHUN-CHIAO, YAO WEN-YUAN AND MAO TSE-TUNG'S WIDOW, CHIANG CHING, "IN OUR SZECHWAN, CIVIL WAR AND FACTIONALISM DID NOT CEASE. MANY CLASS BROTHERS WHO HAD FOUGHT SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER BECAME ENEMIES AND THE PRECIOUS LIVES OF MANY CLASS BROTHERS WERE SACRIFICED IN ALL-AROUND CIVIL WAR."

COMBINED WITH REPORTS OF SERIOUS BLOODSHED EARLIER IN THE NORTHERN CITY OF PAOTING AND THE CENTRAL CITY OF WUHAN, THE SZECHWAN BROADCAST ILLUSTRATES THE ENORMOUS PROBLEM NEW CHINESE LEADER HUA KUO-FENG HAS IN SORTING OUT BLAME AND SOOTHING BITTERNESS CAUSED BY THE KILLINGS. SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, PEKING LEADERS SEEMED TO HAVE BROUGHT SZECHWAN UNDER CONTROL BY DISPATCHING TROOPS AND BY OTHER DEVICES. BUT VIOLENCE WOULD FLARE UNCLASSIFIED

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AGAIN AS PEOPLE TRIED TO SETTLE OLD SCORES....

AS A SIGN OF THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION DAYS AND THE PRESENT, SZECHWAN RADIO REPORTED ON DEC. 23 THAT THERE HAD BEEN SERIOUS DISTURBANCES THIS YEAR IN IPIN PREFECTURE, IMPORTANT BASE FOR THE RADICALS 10 YEARS AGO. A MARRIED COUPLE WHO WERE IPIN PARTY OFFICIALS, LIU CHIECH-TING AND CHANG HSI-TING, HAD LED THE FIGHT THEN AGAINST PROVINCIAL LEADER LI CHING-CHUAN AND FOR A TIME HAD SERVED IN THE PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP THEMSELVES. BUT THEY DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT AND LI, AFTER BEING PURGED IN 1967, WAS REHABILITATED IN 1973 AND GIVEN A HIGH POST IN PEKING. THE IPIN RADICALS, ACCORDING TO THE BROADCAST,

REACTED VIOLENTLY.

DURING MEMORIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MAO IN SEPTEMBER, "THEY CREATED INCIDENTS IN A PLANNED AND ORGANIZED WAY, STORMED FUNERAL HALLS, BEAT UP AND INJURED MILITIAMEN ON DUTY, CAUSING SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. IN IPIN, THEY RAN WILD AND DID ALL KINDS OF EVIL AND PEOPLE WERE EXTREMELY ANGRY," THE DEC. 23 BROADCAST SAID.

WITHOUT GOING INTO THE DETAILS OF SZECHWAN'S TROUBLES, PEKING LEADERS HAVE ADMITTED THAT IT AND A HANDFUL OF OTHER PROVINCES WERE HURT ECONOMICALLY BY THIS YEAR'S POLITICAL STRIFE. IN SZECHWAN'S CASE, THIS IS PARTICULARLY SERIOUS, BECAUSE IN THE PAST IT HAS BEEN ABLE TO EXPORT MUCH GRAIN AND OTHER FOOD FOR LESS FERTILE PARTS OF THE COUNTRY....

4. SOUTH KOREA SENTENCES DISSIDENT, SAYING HE AIDED NORTH KOREA, DATED LINED SEOUL. KIM CHI HA, INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN AS A DISSIDENT POET AND CRITIC OF PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE WAS SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON TODAY FOR WRITINGS JUDGED TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE COUNTRY'S ANTI-UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMUNIST LAW.

ALREADY SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN A PLOT TO OVERTHROW SOUTH KOREA'S STRONGMAN RULER, KIM, 35, HAS BEEN ON TRIAL IN THE SEOUL DISTRICT COURT FOR NINE MONTHS ON THE NEW CHARGES....

PRESIDING JUDGE SHIM HOON JUNG SAID KIM'S WRITING IN A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE AND NOTES AND MEMOS ASSEMBLED FOR TWO WEEKS IN PROGRESS PROVED THAT HE WAS HELPING AND ENCOURAGING NORTH KOREA. KIM APPEARED IN GOOD HEALTH AND SPIRITS. HE WAVED TO HIS WIFE AND MOTHER AND GRINNED JAUNILY AS MARSHALS HUSTLED HIM AWAY.

SOME IN SEOUL REGARD THE WRITER AS A CLASSIC PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE. SINCE 1965 HIS SAVAGELY SATIRICAL POEMS LAMPOONING CORRUPTION AND SOCIAL INEQUITY IN SOUTH KOREA HAVE REPEATEDLY LANDED HIM BEHIND BARS. IN 1974, HE PUBLISHED ONE OF HIS BEST-KNOWN WORKS "CRY OF THE PEOPLE," AND WAS ARRESTED, TRIED BY A MILITARY COURT AND SENTENCED TO DEATH.

AFTER AN INTERNATIONAL OUTCRY, THE SENTENCE WAS COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND IN FEBRUARY 1975, KIM WAS RELEASED BY PRESIDENT PARK IN A POLITICAL PRISONER AMNESTY.

WITHIN A MONTH HE WAS ARRESTED AGAIN. THE WEAPON WITH WHICH HE CHALLENGED AND INFURIATED THE PARK REGIME WAS

AGAIN HIS PEN. IN THE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER DONG-A ILBO, KIM ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT OF CONCOCTING A FICTITIOUS PLOT AS A PRETEXT FOR UNJUSTLY EXECUTING SEVEN MEN AND IMPRISONING ANOTHER 15--ALL MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY.

THE PROSECUTORS ASKED FOR A 10-YEAR SENTENCE, CLAIMING KIM WAS A MAOIST COMMUNIST INFILTRATING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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WITH THE DREAM OF COMMUNIZING SOUTH KOREA.

KIM DISMISSED THE ACCUSATION THAT HE WAS A COMMUNIST AS "NONSENSE" AND THE TRIAL BECAME A SEEMINGLY ENDLESS THEOSOPHICAL WRANGLE AS HE ARGUED HIS FAITH AS A CATHOLIC ACTIVIST AND BELIEVER IN LIBERATION THEOLOGY- HE HAS RECEIVED THE SUPPORT OF MANY KOREAN RELIGIOUS LEADERS INCLUDING CARDINAL KIM SOO HWAN.....

AT ONE HEARING, KIM SAID GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATORS PROMISED TO SET HIM FREE IF HE AGREED NOT TO ADD TO HIS LIST OF 12 BANNED AND CRITICAL POEMS. HE DECLARED HE WOULD WRITE AND FIGHT ON UNTIL PRESIDENT PARK'S RULE ENDED.

KIM'S STUBBORN CONVICTIONS--COLLIDING HEAD-ON WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S BELIEF THAT ANY CRITICISM ENDANGERS THE INTERNAL ORDER OF SOUTH KOREA--ARE FELT TO HOLD THE KEY TO THE PECULIAR PROCEEDINGS THAT ENDED TODAY.

"HE'S A DANGEROUS MAN TO THE STATUS QUO AND HE SEEMS TO BE A GUY WITHOUT FEAR," COMMENTED AN AMERICAN ANALYST. "THEY JUST FEEL THEY HAVE TO KEEP HIM LOCKED UP."

THE POET'S SHARP-SPOKEN MOTHER TOLD REPORTERS IN A COURT-HOUSE CORRIDOR THAT SHE HOPED PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER COULD HELP FREE HER SON. WHILE FRIENDS TRIED TO STOP HER FOR

HER OWN SAFETY, CHUNG KUUM SUNG SHOUTED, "HE IS IN PRISON BECAUSE OF MR. PARK'S DICTATORIAL GOVERNMENT." ...

5. ISRAELIS CAUTIOUS ON SADAT PROPOSALS, YUVAL ELIZUR, DATELINED JERUSALEM. ALTHOUGH SKEPTICAL OF THE SINCERITY OF HIS INTENTIONS, ISRAEL HAS WELCOMED EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT'S STATEMENT THAT ANY FUTURE PALESTINIAN
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STATE WILL HAVE TO MAINTAIN SOME LINK WITH JORDAN.

REACTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK WERE MIXED: IN JUDEA, THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE WEST BANK, THE REACTION WAS

POSITIVE, BUT LEADERS IN SAMARIA, THE NORTHERN HALF,
VEHEMENTLY REJECTED THE IDEA.

THE OFFICIAL ISRAELI RESPONSE TO THE EGYPTIAN LEADER'S
PROPOSALS, WHICH WERE MADE IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE WASH-
INGTON POST, WAS VOICED YESTERDAY BY FOREIGN MINISTER
YIGAL ALLON IN A SPEECH AT RAMAT GAN, NORTH OF TEL AVIV.

"IF INDEED SADAT HAS QUALIFIED HIS EARLIER SUPPORT FOR
A THIRD STATE BETWEEN THE DESERT AND THE MEDITERRANEAN,
THIS IS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, OTHER THINGS
SAID BY SADAT IN THIS INTERVIEW WERE LESS POSITIVE,"
ALLON SAID.

ALLON REFERRED MAINLY TO THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT'S DEMAND
THAT ISRAEL WITHDRAW TO ITS 1967 BORDERS. ACCORDING TO
ALLON, THE BORDERS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND NEIGHBORING ARAB
STATES SHOULD BE DECIDED IN NEGOTIATIONS AT GENEVA.
SADAT'S DEMAND AMOUNTS TO A PRE-CONDITION FOR A GENEVA
CONFERENCE, ALLON SAID.....

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